## FROM THE MIND-BLOWING TO THE MIND-GROWINGWARWICK ARTS CENTRE SPRING BROCHURE 2024

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WELCOME

2024 is going to be quite a year for us, as we’ll soon be celebrating Warwick Arts Centre’s 50th Anniversary! There’ll be more about our birthday soon, but to get the celebrations started, we’ve commissioned Coventry textile artist Julia O’Connell, to create a special new artwork which celebrates quilt-making as a radical act.

Over the coming months, Julia will be working with various community groups and partners, including University students, with the finished work set to be unveiled in the autumn.

We can’t wait to see it!

But before then, we have another packed programme of events and activities lined up to keep you entertained and talking. Among the forthcoming season highlights are Ad Infinitum’s hugely acclaimed Beautiful Evil Things, Warwickshire’s own emerging stars Josh Pugh and Ellie Gowers, and a raft of famous faces - from Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Lucy Worsley and Caroline Quentin, to Ruby Turner, The Horne Section and Frank Skinner.

Meanwhile for younger visitors, the Big Fish Little Fish team up to give us Desi Beats with DJ Bobby Friction, the charming We’re Going On A Bear Hunt returns, and we also welcome Little Angel Theatre’s wonderful adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler’s Charlie Cook’s Favourite Book.

Plus, our ground-breaking exhibition, Phantom Sculpture, gets a mini-remix with the arrival of several new art works, and our increasingly popular free programme - including Family Sundays, Workshop Wednesdays and Jazz Fridays - continues.

DOREEN FOSTER

Director

Warwick Arts Centre

A SPACE FOR EVERYONE

At Warwick Arts Centre, our relationships with local communities, students and staff, both on and off campus, are at the heart of everything we do.

We are committed to creative spaces, events and activities that are open and accessible to everyone ranging from Jazz Fridays to creative, artist–led workshops. You can also volunteer with us so that you can be a part of bringing our activities to life.

These are just some of the things you can see and do for free. Scan our QR code on page 5 for the full list.

FAMILY SUNDAYS

Sun 14 Jan – Sun 10 Mar, Sun 5 May – Sun 23 Jun 1.30pm – 4pm

Creative workshops led by our artists-in-residence, working across visual arts, dance, drama, spoken word and music. We invite you to come and spend time together as a family, making, exploring and having fun!

Gallery Foyer FREE Drop-in

All ages

MUSICAL PICNICS

Sun 14 Jan, Sun 11 Feb, Sun 10 Mar, Sun 12 May, Sun 9 Jun 11am – 12.30pm

A wonderful monthly series of original, participatory family performances featuring an eclectic mix of incredible musicians, musical styles, cultures, instruments and personalities.

Gallery Foyer FREE

All ages

MINI CREATIVES

Tue 9 Jan – Tue 26 Mar & Tue 23 Apr – Tue 25 Jun 10.30am – 12.30pm

Join us for weekly multi-sensory sessions in this creative space for babies, toddlers and their adults. Experience creative activities designed to inspire, encourage curiosity, and support development. From music-making and singing to sensory arts, start a lifetime of creativity by making, learning and playing together.

Gallery Foyer FREE Drop-in

Ages 0 - 4yrs

BOOK ONLINE warwickartscentre.co.uk

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WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS

Wed 10 Jan – Wed 13 Mar, Wed 24 Apr – Wed 26 Jun 1.30pm – 4pm

Take a midweek break and learn something new. Drop in every week to take part in artist and student-led workshops that focus on supporting wellbeing. Get creative, meet new people, and take some time for yourself to unwind while practicing a new creative skill.

Gallery Foyer FREE

All ages

OPEN MIC SESSIONS

Thu 25 Jan, 8 Feb, 7 Mar, 9 May, 13 Jun 8pm – 10pm

Our Open Mic sessions are open to everyone. If you are a singer, instrumentalist, poet, MC, or any other kind of musical performer then this is an opportunity for you. No need to pre-book, just sign up on the night but do it early to avoid disappointment.

Gallery Foyer FREE

SPRING MAKERS MARKET

Thu 7 Mar 4pm - 9pm

Featuring an array of local independent traders, selling beautiful, handcrafted items with a special focus on sustainability and accessible pricing.

JAZZ FRIDAYS

Fri 5 Jan – Fri 29 Mar, Fri 26 Apr – Fri 28 Jun 5.30pm – 7.15pm

We are delighted to bring back our weekly foyer programme of live jazz, hosted by The Aaron Moloney Trio plus special guest musicians. As always, this event also features an open jam session for local musicians in the second half. Come and play!

For details about the jam session, contact programming@warwick.ac.uk

Gallery Foyer FREE

FAMILY SINGING

Sun 28 Jan, 25 Feb, 28 Apr & 19 May 11.30am – 12.30pm

Join us for our popular Sunday morning hour of singing in the foyer of the Warwick Arts Centre. See page 18 for details.

Gallery Foyer FREE

1hr / All ages

SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS

Tue 9 Jan – Tue 12 Mar, Tue 23 Apr – Tue 25 Jun 8pm – 10pm

Warwickshire-based songwriter Ellie Gowers returns with Steve Jones (aka Stylusboy) and Lauren South to deliver a series of workshops across the year. Whether you’re just starting your songwriting journey or are looking to refine your craft then these sessions are for you.

Helen Martin Studio FREE

SEE ALL OF OUR FREE EVENTS HERE!

MEET IN ART

MEAD GALLERY

Open Tue – Sun 11am – 8pm\*

FREE

No visit to Warwick Arts Centre is complete without a visit to our gallery. Here’s what a couple of recent visitors said about our last exhibition:

“I always enjoy my time at the arts centre. It is a fantastic venue with lots to offer the local community.”

“Such lovely staff showed us the art space and were so friendly when talking about the gallery. Loved this exhibition and how interactive it is, great for kids and adults.”

\*During term time

GALLERY LATE

Feb 2024, date TBC

Join us for our first gallery late of 2024; including readings and performances by artists and the launch of our new catalogue that accompanies Phantom Sculpture.

Gallery FREE

PHANTOM SCULPTURE

Closes Sun 10 Mar\*

Phantom Sculpture brings together sculptures by some of the most important artists working today, including Turner Prize winner, Jesse Darling, and puts them into conversation with key works by older artists. In January, new works by important artists Kira Freije, Barbara Hepworth, Kim Lim, Phyllida Barlow, Veronica Ryan, Nicole Wermers and Jala Wahid will be added to the exhibition.

\*Re-opens Thu 11 Jan

GALLERY TOURS

WALK AND TALK UNIVERSITY ART COLLECTION

Exploring artworks that address migration

Wed 6 Mar 1pm - 2pm

We will walk across campus, inside and outdoors, exploring artworks that address themes of migration in the University Art Collection. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at the entrance to the Mead Gallery.

£5

PHANTOM SCULPTURE

AUDIO DESCRIBED TOUR

Date TBC

An audio description tour of our current exhibition Phantom Sculpture. For those interested please contact artcollection@warwick.ac.uk

PHANTOM SCULPTURE BSL GALLERY TOUR

Sat 3 Feb 2pm

Deaf artist, Olivier Jamin leads a British Sign Language (BSL) tour, bringing a unique perspective to the artworks on display. There will be an interpreter present to make the tour accessible to both D/deaf and hearing visitors.

Gallery FREE Book place via the box office.

Fri 3 May – Sun 23 Jun

SUMMER 2024 EXHIBITIONS

This summer we present three concurrent exhibitions.

Francis Offman and Nicole Bachmann present their first solo exhibitions in a UK gallery. Concerned with the experiences of migration, their work references their lived experiences as well as those of communities.

FRANCIS OFFMAN

Economics of Painting

Following the acquisition of Untitled (2020 – 2022) for the University of Warwick Art Collection, Italian-Rwandan artist Francis Offman will make several new abstract paintings for his Mead Gallery exhibition. His canvases tell stories of friendship, conversation and travel. Offman’s collaged surfaces are textured with found materials he collects from various locations.

NICOLE BACHMANN

There are tides in the body

Swiss artist Nicole Bachmann’s new commission is a film that considers the body as a site of knowledge. Bachmann is interested in language and its development across time. She works with trained dancers and performers who use movement and voice to ‘embody vocabulary’ and create new meaning. This new film is set across two locations in Kent and Spon End in Coventry.

ACTIVATE / ASSEMBLE / AMPLIFY

What is the creative future for the children and young people of Coventry? Our Youth Leadership Collective interrogates this question in an interactive exhibition exploring their vision for themselves and their city. A space where ideas spill across the gallery, encouraging dialogue, interaction and responses from audience members. The exhibition shares artworks and performances made throughout the year as part of our Youth and Schools projects and extends the ideas explored in the works of Francis Offman and Nicole Bachmann.

MEET IN MOVIES

Join us to see all the anticipated nominees for this year’s top prizes at both the BAFTAs and Oscars - from true stories to fantasy fiction.

Two-time Oscar Winner Anthony Hopkins looks to be nominated once again for his portrayal of humanitarian Nicholas Winton, who helped saved hundreds of children from the Nazis on the eve of World War II, in One Life. Sofia Coppola’s Priscilla takes a fresh look at one of the most famous wives in rock’n’roll, Priscilla Presley and the complexities around her relationship with The King, Elvis.

The saga of the House of Atreides continues as award-winning filmmaker Denis Villeneuve embarks on Dune: Part II, the next chapter of Frank Herbert’s celebrated Sci-Fi novel. Delving into the brilliant and the bizarre, Yorgos Lanthimos (The Favourite) tells the incredible tale of Bella Baxter (Emma Stone), a young woman brought back to life in Poor Things.

And there will be plenty more to come too including our NT Live, Met Opera and Exhibition On Screen programmes alongside classic movies, documentaries and much more.

Warwick Arts Centre is pleased to work with the Independent Cinema Office in support of our programming, film selection and marketing. The Independent Cinema Office is a charity that aims to bring a wider range of films to a wider range of people, so people can access amazing film culture wherever they are in the UK.

FILM CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

Calling all film buffs, cinema lovers and movie fans! Join our Film Club for exclusive benefits and more.

FILM CLUB

£25 per year for single membership

£47 per year for double membership

£1.50 off film tickets

Free ticket within your birthday month (for double membership there are 2 free tickets within the lead bookers birthday month)

Weekly email

Advance information on selected new releases

Discounts on Film Talks and Festivals

Special offers on events in the Theatre & Studio

10% discount in Benugo Bar & Kitchen

3 months’ free membership of Mubi\*\*

U26s FILM CLUB

£10 per year – pays for itself in just 4 visits

£5 tickets (£2.50 off our usual U26s price)

Weekly email

Advance information on selected new releases

Discounts on Film Talks

10% discount in Benugo Bar & Kitchen

3 months membership of Mubi\*\*

\*Your Plus One does not need to be the same person every time or even live at the same address – this is your chance to share your love of film!

\*\* One time offer.

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Join our mailing list for film listings emailed direct to your inbox every week.

EVENT CINEMA

What is Event Cinema? Special and one-off cinematic events where you can immerse yourself in art, theatre, music and opera from the comfort of your cinema seat.

NT LIVE

Dear England

Thu 25 Jan 7pm

A ‘thrilling’ The Sunday Times new play about nation and football, with Joseph Fiennes as Gareth Southgate.

Vanya

Thu 22 Feb 7pm

Andrew Scott (Fleabag, Sherlock) brings multiple characters to life in Simon Stephen’s radical new version of Chekhov’s Uncle Vanya.

£19.50 (£17.50) U26s £10.50

EXHIBITION ON SCREEN

Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse Sun 3 Mar 2pm (Captioned) and Thu 7 Mar 5.30pm

John Singer Sargent

Sun 21 Apr 2pm (Captioned) and Thu 25 Apr 5.30pm

My National Gallery 2024

Sun 9 Jun 2pm (Captioned) and Thu 13 Jun 5.30pm

£15 (£13) U26s £10

MET OPERA

Sat 13 Jan 2024 – Sat 18 May 2024

See page 23 for event listings

£27.50 (£25.50) U26s £15

THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE

James Wilton Dance

LORE

Tue 30 Jan 7.30pm

LORE is the new production from award-winning dance company James Wilton Dance.

It’s a folklore inspired journey into a pagan world of gods, demons and humans, all embodied through other-worldly athleticism.

Theatre £19, U26s £7.50, 1 hr / Ages 11+

Frozen Light

THE BAR AT THE EDGE OF TIME

Tue 30 Jan – Thu 1 Feb 11am & 1.30pm

Maestro mixologists, crooners, and hosts await the audience as they join Frozen Light in a new sensory spectacular for audiences with profound and multiple learning disabilities.

Studio £12 including carer(s) 2 max per person 1 hr / Ages 16+

CIRQUE: THE GREATEST SHOW

Sun 11 Feb 1pm & 5pm

Musical theatre showstoppers meet jaw-dropping circus spectacular as everyone’s favourite West End hits combine with breath-taking performances, incredible contortionists, and thrilling feats of agility and flair.

Hall £38, £33 2 hrs 30 mins / All ages

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Graeae Theatre Company

SELF-RAISING

Tue 12\* & Wed 13 Mar 7.45pm

“It starts with a secret, but this one’s different, this one’s mine.”

Award-winning Artistic Director of Graeae, Jenny Sealey, has spent a lifetime championing stories by Deaf and disabled artists. Now she takes to the stage to tell her own story.

Unravelling the past and facing the future, Self-Raising is a blisteringly honest, laugh-out-loud, one-woman show about growing up deaf in a family with secrets.

Studio £16.50 (£14.50), U26s £7.501 hr / Age 14+

“...in this fully accessible show – she is a warm, captivating presence as she shares her secret.” The Stage \*This show will be followed by a post-show talk. All shows are BSL captioned and audio-described.

Ephemeral Ensemble

REWIND

Tue 30 April 7.45pm

Rewind pieces together a scientific examination of a crime secretly buried. In a whirlwind of visceral music, energetic movement, puppetry, projection and innovative lighting, the show reveals an intimate backward journey into the life and death of Alicia, a young woman who dared to resist authoritarianism.

This multi-award-winning show is inspired by recurring facts from human rights abuse in Latin America and draws from Forensic Anthropology, the first science in history to investigate human rights violation.

This show will be followed by a post-show talk.

Studio £18, U26s £7.50 60 mins / Age 14+

“Kaleidoscopically creative” The Stage

Commissioned by University of Warwick - with special thanks to Professor Alison Ribeiro de Menezes, School of Modern Languages and Cultures.

BOOK ONLINE warwickartscentre.co.uk

Ad Infinitum Productions

BEAUTIFUL EVIL THINGS

Tue 14 & Wed 15 May 7.45pm

What if there was another take on the Trojan war, an untold, breathtaking adventure?

Enter Medusa. Monstrous gorgon? Snakes for hair?A turn-to-stone glare? Perhaps. But she was there.

One of The Guardian’s ‘Best Theatre of 2022’ choices, it’s a high-energy one-woman show, combining physical storytelling with cut-throat wit. Acerbically comic, thrilling, and poignant, it “brings tears to your eyes and raises your heart rate.”

The Guardian.

Studio £18, U26s £7.501hr 15 mins / Age 12+

Post-show talk Tue 14 May

Captioned performance - Wed 15 May.

SIX CHICK FLICKS

Sat 25 May 7.30pm

Two actors. Six beloved films. One hilarious parody!

The off-Broadway hit is on tour after it sold out at Edinburgh Fringe.

Theatre £24 2hrs incl interval / Age 13+

“gloriously funny, whip-smart hour of movie magic…not to be missed” Daily Mail

Contains adult humour and language.

COMING SOON

GERAINT LEWIS FOR THE WEST END APOLLO THEATRE PRODUCTION

SHOWSTOPPER - THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL

Thu 24 Oct 7.30pm

Theatre £28

Olivier Award winners – Best Entertainment and Family Show 2016.

Spontaneous musical comedy at its absolute finest – direct from the West End and now heading to Warwick Arts Centre!

A brand-new musical comedy is created from scratch at each performance of this award-winning show as audience suggestions are transformed on the spot into all-singing, all dancing productions with hilarious results.

So, whether you fancy Hamilton in a hospital or Sondheim in the Sahara, you suggest it and The Showstoppers will sing it!

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FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

DESI BEATS WITH DJ BOBBY FRICTION

Big Fish Little Fish Family Rave

Sun 28 Jan 2pm

Join the original family ravers, Big Fish Little Fish, on a multi-sensory dancefloor filled with bubbles, balloons, confetti cannons, fake snow and lots of good vibes. Share your favourite desi tunes with the whole family at a sound level safe for little ears.

Copper Rooms, Warwick SU £16, U16s £14. Pre-walkers FREE

All ages are welcome, but craft and play activities are designed with under-8s in mind. Max 3 adults per child, no lone adults, 3 children per 1 adult.

PEPPA’S CINEMA PARTY (U)

Wed 14 – Sun 18 Feb 2024, Daily screenings starting at 1pm

It’s time for Peppa’s Cinema Party! Peppa is celebrating her 20th anniversary and is throwing the MOST EPIC PARTY EVER – and all of her friends are INVITED! (That’s YOU!)

Enjoy 10 new episodes, 5 brand new songs, and 11 interactive entertainment shorts with Peppa and her friends playing, dancing and singing in the real world. Featuring the voices of Katy Perry as Ms. Leopard and Orlando Bloom as Mr. Raccoon in an episode of the 3-part Wedding Party story, you and your little ones can move and groove with Peppa!

Cinema £11 Ages 18 months +

Little Seeds Music

LUNA LOVES LIBRARY DAY:

The Musical

Sun 18 Feb 11am

Join Luna and her Dad for an adventure among the library shelves in this exciting new musical for families, based on the book by Waterstones Children’s Laureate Joseph Coelho and illustrator Fiona Lumbers, with music and lyrics by David Gibb.

Studio £11 1hr / Ages 3+

BOOK ONLINE warwickartscentre.co.uk

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FEB HALF TERM

See the smash-hit production of We’re Going on a Bear Hunt, as it returns vividly and noisily in director Sally Cookson’s fun-filled adaptation set to Benji Bower’s versatile lively score.

Join our intrepid family of adventurers and their musical dog on a quest to find a bear; as they wade through the gigantic swishy, swashy grass, the splishy splashy river and the thick oozy, squelchy mud!

Expect catchy songs, interactive scenes, plenty of adventure and a few surprises along the way.

WE’RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

Sat 10 Feb 10.30am\*, 1.30pm & 4.30pm Sun 11 & Mon12 Feb 11am & 2pm Tue 13 Feb 11am

Theatre £19 U16s £17.50 Ages 3+

\*BSL performance Sat 10 Feb 10:30am

EASTER HOLIDAYS

CHARLIE COOK'S FAVOURITE BOOK

Charlie loves reading. Especially books about pirates. But his sister hates it - it’s boring! Can Charlie convince her that reading is fun? Perhaps if she read a book about a pirate, who is reading a book about Goldilocks, who is reading a book about a knight…

Come and delve into a range of books with Charlie Cook, brought to life with puppetry and enchanting songs, and perhaps you will be able to help his sister discover the wonderful world inside a book…

Based on the much-loved book by The Gruffalo creators, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

A Little Angel Theatre, The Lowry and Rose Theatre co-production.

Thu 4 – Sun 7 Apr Thu 3.30pm Fri – Sun 10.30am & 1.30pm

Theatre £19, U16s £17.50 1 hr / Ages 3 +

HALF TERM FUN

DRAGONS & MYTHICAL BEASTS LIVE

Calling all brave heroes! Enter a magical world of myths and legends in this fantastical Olivier Award nominated show for all the family.

Unveil a myriad of dark secrets and come face-to-face with some of the most magnificent monsters and terrifying beasts ever to walk the earth. Discover the colossal Stone Troll, the mysterious Indrik and Japanese Baku; the Tooth Fairy (not as sweet as you’d think), an adorable Unicorn and majestic Griffin. Take your place among legendary heroes, just don’t wake the Dragon…

From the creators of the West End smash-hit Dinosaur World Live, who bring spectacular puppets to life, don’t miss this spell-binding adventure, live on stage!

Theatre £17

1 hr / Ages 3+. All ages welcome

Sat 1 Jun – Sun 2 Jun 11am & 2pm

“Comical, spellbinding show!” The Guardian

Rubbish Shakespeare Company

RUBBISH SHAKESPEARE: ROMEO AND JULIET

Sun 26 May 2.30pm

Enemies. Balconies. Kissing... sausage rolls!?

Three idiots perform Shakespeare’s famous tragedy, using only a box of tatty wigs, a worn floral dress, and a burst airbed they found by the bins.

Featuring clowning, slapstick and knowingly mischievous storytelling,

this “side-splittingly funny” (The List) production is the perfect introduction to Shakespeare - or even theatre itself.

Studio £12 (£10) Ages 4+

MY FIRST CONCERT

Come to the Circus: Thu 15 Feb 1pm

Let’s Make a Story: Thu 30 May 1pm

A relaxed and interactive concert designed especially for babies, children and their adults. These performances are led by professional musicians with a passion for sharing their love of classical music. Whether it is your first concert or your 100th, this is a wonderful way to enjoy music as a family.

Helen Martin Studio Adults £5 Children FREE

FAMILY SINGING

Sun 28 Jan 11.30am, Sun 25 Feb 11.30am

Sun 28 Apr 11.30am, Sun 19 May 11.30am

Join us for our popular Sunday morning hour of singing in the foyer of the Warwick Arts Centre. Perfect for first timers and regulars, you will learn songs to get you singing, moving, and dancing, with a healthy dose of creativity thrown in. Open to all ages, you just need to bring yourself and your willingness to have lots of fun! An opportunity for all the family to sing together.

Gallery Foyer FREE 1hr / All ages

COMING SOON

THE BADDIES

Sat 26 – Sun 27 Oct

On sale now

CHRISTMAS SHOW

THE SMEDS & THE SMOOS

On sale January 2024

ORCHESTRAL SERIES

Hall Pricing by Seating Area

A: £43.50 (£41.50), B: £40.50 (£38.50), C: £38 (£36), D: £30.50(£28.50), E £24.50 (£22.50), Choir £21.50 (19.50)

Concessions in brackets.

Discounts for U26s and students. Contact Box Office for details.

\*Offers subject to availability.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Fri 23 Feb 7.30pm

Expect big emotions and great melodies with RPO Artist- In-Residence Zlatomir Fung and trailblazing South Korean conductor, Shiyeon Sung.

There is sweeping drama with Dvořák’s Symphony No.9, plus Beethoven’s soul-stirring and courageous Leonore No.3, while Haydn’s perfectly cut jewel, Cello Concerto, brilliantly highlights the stunning talents of lauded cellist Fung.

PRE–CONCERT TALK Helen Martin Studio 6.15pm £5

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN Leonore Overture No.3

JOSEPH HAYDN Cello Concerto In C

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK Symphony No. 9, From the New World

Conductor Shiyeon Sung

Cello Zlatomir Fung

MILOŠ KARADAGLIĆ

Sat 9 Mar 7.30pm

A welcome return for the musician BBC Music Magazine declared as one of the six best classical guitarists of the last 100 years!

Miloš sealed his reputation with 2011’s stunning The Guitar. Performing works by Vivaldi, Bach and more, he continues to expand the classical guitar’s repertoire to great acclaim.

VIVALDI L’Olimpiade, RV 725, Sinfonia

MARCELLO Adagio (extrait du concerto pour hautbois en ré mineur)

L. BOCCHERINI Fandango

J.S. BACH Chaconne (extraite de la Partita pour violon seul BWV 1004)

G.F. HANDEL Concerto grosso in a minor, Op. 6 no 4, HWV 322

PACHELBEL Canon

J.-P. RAMEAU Les arts et les heures

HANDEL Menuet

S.L. WEISS Passacaglia

H. PURCELL Suite

VIVALDI Concerto for lute in D RV 93

PRE–CONCERT TALK Helen Martin Studio 6.15pm £5

THE HALLÉ

Fri 10 May 7.30pm

As Sir Mark Elder’s lauded tenure as Hallé Music Director reaches its grand finale, our programme acknowledges a core Hallé tradition of English music with Butterworth’s orchestral rhapsody A Shropshire Lad, and Elgar’s affectionate Enigma Variations, while pianist Sir Stephen Hough performs Brahms’ monumental First Piano Concerto.

JOHANNES BRAHMS Piano Concerto No.1

GEORGE BUTTERWORTH A Shropshire Lad: Rhapsody for Orchestra

EDWARD ELGAR Variations on an Original Theme, Enigma

Conductor Sir Mark Elder

Piano Sir Stephen Hough

PRE–CONCERT TALK Helen Martin Studio 6.15pm £5 21

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

All concerts begin at 1pm

Thu 11 Jan University of Warwick Piano Society

Thu 8 Feb Ellie Gowers (folk artist)

Thu 14 Mar Harriet Mackenzie (violin) & Gabriel Francis-Dehqani (cello)

Thu 24 Apr Julian Metzger (cello)

Thu 9 May Lawrence White (baritone) and Rupert Jeffcoat (piano)

Thu 13 Jun David Gordon (jazz piano)

Make the most of your lunchtimes with fabulous performances by professional musicians. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to meet and talk to the artists over a FREE hot drink.

Ensemble Room £5 including a hot drink U26s FREE

All ages welcome to attend.

If you require a space for a wheelchair, please call the Music Centre on the day of the concert before 12pm on 024 7652 3799.

Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

REVERIE AND REFLECTION

Sun 10 Mar 4pm

Join the University Symphony Orchestra and Chorus for a contrasting concert of wonderful, yet contemplative music. Berlioz’s epic Symphonie Fantastique describes episodes in the life of an artist - a psychological thriller transformed into a symphony. In contrast, Matthew Coleridge’s deeply moving Requiem for choir, soloists and orchestra offers you a chance to enjoy a moment of calm reflection.

Hall £11 (£10) U26s £7.50

Pre-concert Talk and Q&A

Sun 10 Mar 3pm

Prior to the University Symphony Orchestra and Chorus concert, composer Matthew Coleridge discusses his beautifully melodic and deeply moving Requiem - which was recently voted into the Classic FM Hall of Fame’s Top 100.

Hall FREE

AWE INSPIRING OPERA

Senbla presents Opera International’s award-winning Ellen Kent productions featuring the Ukrainian Opera & Ballet Theatre Kyiv with international soloists, highly-praised chorus and full orchestra.

CARMEN

Wed 24 Apr 7.30pm

An evening of passion, sexual jealousy, death and unforgettable arias.

This dazzling production with orchestra features Bizet’s unforgettable melodies including The Toreador’s Song, Carmen’s enticing Habanera, and Don José’s lyrical Flower Song in a setting evoking the stunning architecture of Seville and its main square with Roman and Moorish influences.

Butterworth Hall £43.50, £40.50, £33.50

3 hrs 15 mins / All ages

Sung in French with English surtitles.

MADAMA BUTTERFLY

Thu 25 Apr 7.30pm

Back by overwhelming public demand, this award-winning opera returns in a new production with exquisite sets including a spectacular Japanese garden and fabulous costumes including antique wedding kimonos from Japan.

One of the world’s most popular operas, Puccini’s Madama Butterfly tells the heart-breaking story of the beautiful young Japanese girl who falls in love with an American naval lieutenant – with dramatic results.

Butterworth Hall £43.50, £40.50, £33.50

2 hrs 35 mins / All ages

Sung in Italian with English surtitles.

MET OPERA

Stunning encore performances from New York’s iconic Metropolitan Opera.

Nabucco Sat 13 Jan 1pm

Carmen Sat 3 Feb 1pm

La Forza del Destino Sat 16 Mar 12pm

Romeo et Juliette Sat 30 Mar 1pm

La Rondine Sat 27 Apr 1pm

Madama Butterfly Sat 18 May 1pm

English surtitles.

University of Warwick Chamber Choir

APPEAR AND INSPIRE

Fri 21 Jun 7pm

The University of Warwick Chamber Choir bring some of the most inspiring choral music from across the globe, spanning the centuries. Programme to include music by Lobo, Smith- More, Pärt and Britten.

Helen Martin Studio £8 (£7.50) U26s £5

Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

FINALE!

Sun 23 Jun 4pm

The University Symphony Orchestra and Chorus join forces yet again to present their final concert of the season. The premiere of Tchaikovsky’s Pathetic Symphony took place just a week before his death, which itself is shrouded in mystery. Haydn’s Nelson Mass was one of the final six masses he composed and is considered a culmination of the best of his liturgical work. Both of these masterpieces represent the bounteous and vast careers of two prolific composers born almost 100 years apart.

Hall £11 (£10) U26s £7.50

COMING SOON 24

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC FROM GAME OF THRONES, LORD OF THE RINGS AND THE HOBBIT

Fri 1 Nov 8pm

A very special orchestral concert celebrating iconic music from some of the biggest fantasy adventures of the 21st century, including the stirring Game of Thrones theme.

Hall £63, £45.50, £38.50

All ages

WORDS AND IDEAS

SIR RANULPH FIENNES

Mad, Bad and Dangerous

Fri 2 Feb 7.30pm

The world’s greatest living explorer goes beyond his record-breaking achievements to explore the man behind the myth.

Hall £39.50, £33.50 1hr 50 mins / Age 14+

BSL Interpreted

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO KALEB

Kaleb Goes on Tour

Sat 3 Feb 7.30pm

Kaleb Cooper, Chipping Norton’s finest celebrity farmer, who shot to fame starring in Clarkson’s Farm, has decided to conquer his fear of the unknown, and go on tour.

Hall £39.50, £34.50, £29.50

THE MAKINGS OF A MURDERER

Sun 4 Feb 7.30pm

What makes a serial killer tick? What are the tell-tale signs? What really goes on behind the scenes? Scottish detective David Swindle investigates the UK’s most notorious serial killers.

Hall £33, £26 restricted view Age 18+

DR MICHAEL MOSLEY & DR CLARE BAILEY

Eat (Well), Sleep (Better), Live (Longer)!

Wed 14 Feb 7.30pm

With mental and physical health problems on the rise, the husband-and-wife team reveal how simple changes can transform your life.

Hall £31, £28

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PROFESSOR BRIAN COX

Horizons - A 21st Century Odyssey

Wed 6 Mar 7.30pm

Hall £43 Age 16+ Contact Box Office

AN AUDIENCE WITH LUCY WORSLEY ON AGATHA CHRISTIE

Fri 16 Feb 8pm

The Queen of History shares stories from the fascinating life of the Queen of Crime, Agatha Christie, in a unique, live illustrated talk.

Hall £36 Age 14+

BRIAN BILSTON & HENRY NORMAL

Thu 7 Mar 7.30pm

Brian Bilston, described as the Banksy of poetry, and Henry Normal, writer, poet and producer, appear together in a show which one critic described as “two people reading some poems”.

Not ones to overpromise, they are committed to delivering the greatest poetry show ever: an evening of poems to be enjoyed, not endured.

Theatre £24.50 (£20.50)

CAROLINE QUENTIN

The Plot So Far

Thu 22 Feb 7.30pm

Join the comedy icon for an evening devoted to horticultural hilarity, love and the therapeutic power of tending the soil beneath our feet, inspired by her new book Drawn to The Garden. Caroline has come to realise that gardening, just like life, is a series of baffling failures, but also unplanned successes and happy accidents.

Expect singing, dancing and showing off as Caroline’s tales bloom on stage, as told to presenter Maria McErlane.

Hall £28

THE CORAL

The Making of the Debut Album

Sat 9 Mar 7.30pm

An intimate evening of conversation, audience questions and acoustic music with singer James Skelly and keyboardist Nick Power, celebrating the 21st anniversary of their eponymous debut album.

Theatre £28.50 Age 16+

JOHN LYDON

I Could Be Wrong, I Could Be Right

Fri 10 May 7.30pm

Punk provocateur Lydon reflects on the Sex Pistols, PiL, his art and his life’s story during an informal evening of conversation and audience questions.

Theatre £92 meet and greet (includes goody bag), £52 VIP (includes goody bag), £35 standard.

JONATHAN AGNEW

An Evening with Aggers

Thu 2 May 7.30pm

Get ready to be bowled over by cricket legend and renowned BBC correspondent, Jonathan Agnew.

Whether you’re a die-hard fan or new to the game, plunge into the world of cricket with exclusive behind-the-scenes footage to create an electrifying blend of sporting highlights, uproarious anecdotes, and side-splitting humour.

Theatre £34 Age 12+

RUBY WAX

I’m Not as Well as I Thought I Was

Sat 29 Jun 7.30pm

Ruby Wax’s rawest, darkest, funniest and most compelling stage show yet, thanks to enormous demand.

“The original idea behind this show was to find an antidote to living a frazzled life. I wanted to find meaning, peace, happiness – however, I ended up in a mental institution. Obviously, I didn’t find what I was looking for.”

Theatre £29.50 Age 14+

DICK AND ANGEL

Forever Home

Thu 7 Nov 7.30pm

Spend an entertaining evening with the stars of Channel 4 hit Escape to the Chateau, Dick and Angel Strawbridge, sharing even more of the adventures, challenges, and successes of building and living their Chateau dream.

They may be an “odd couple”, but this charismatic pair have a love story to share and a lot to say. A highly interactive show, with hilarious games and the chance to pose your own questions.

Hall £45, £40, £35

COMING SOON

JON RONSON

Psychopath Night 2024

Fri 25 Oct 8pm

Do psychopaths rule the world? How do we define normal? Are you friends with a psychopath? Are you worried YOU might be one?

In an age where society’s rationality is called into question, Jon will deliver an evening of incisive inquiry, seasoned with his trademark wit and profound insights.

Hall £38, £32, £28 Age 16+

MUSIC

JAZZ FRIDAYS

Fri 5 Jan – Fri 29 Mar, Fri 26 Apr – Fri 28 Jun 5.30pm – 7.15pm

Our free weekly foyer programme of live jazz continues. Featuring The Aaron Moloney Trio and special guest musicians.

As always, this event also features an open jam session for local musicians in the second half. Come and play!

Gallery Foyer FREE

DESI BEATS WITH DJ BOBBY FRICTION

Big Fish Little Fish Family Rave

Sun 28 Jan 2pm

We are delighted to announce our first Desi Beats family rave, headlined by DJ Bobby Friction. See page 14 for full details.

Copper Rooms, Warwick SU £16, U16s £14. Pre-walkers FREE

All ages are welcome, but craft and play activities are designed with under-8s in mind. Max 3 adults per child, no lone adults, 3 children per 1 adult.

THE JOHN MARTYN PROJECT

Sat 27 Jan 7.30pm

Blythe Pepino (Mesadorn), guitarist Kit Hawes (Seth Lakeman, Yola) and multi-instrumentalist Pete Josef (Roni Size, Rag’n’Bone Man), plus Sam Brookes, John Blakeley and Jon Short each bring their own story and connection to John Martyn’s music, brilliantly recreating the many different aspects and eras of his music.

Theatre £22, U26s £7.50

GET IT ON

Sun 28 Jan 7.30pm

From the producers of Lost In Music, revisit the biggest glam rock hits of T.Rex, Mud, Slade, Bowie, Suzi Quatro, Wizzard, Sweet, and more. Come on feel the noize, and dress to impress for the feel-good show of the year!

Theatre £32

KODO: WARABE

Thu 1 Feb 8pm

Warabe finds the kumi-daiko drumming troupe looking to its classic repertoire; blending simple forms of taiko expression that celebrate the unique sound, resonance, and physicality synonymous with Kodo — forever children of the drum at heart.

Hall £33.50, £31.50, £29.50

CAMILLE O’SULLIVAN

Dreaming

Thu 8 Feb 7.30pm

Performing with long-time collaborator Feargal Murray and multi-instrumentalist Charlotte Glasson, this show is an intimate evening of storytelling in song, interpreting artists such as Bowie, Cohen, Radiohead, and Rufus Wainwright.

Theatre £27

THE CLASSIC ROCK SHOW

Tue 13 Feb 7.30pm

Thundering through classic tracks from the likes of Led Zeppelin, Dire Straits, The Who, Eric Clapton, AC/DC, Queen, The Eagles and Fleetwood Mac, all performed with note-for-note precision. Bringing the original era-defining recordings back to life on stage, with an amazing sound and light show to match.

Hall £48, £41, £33

WAITING LIST ONLY

FISHERMAN’S FRIENDS

Rock the Boat Tour

Fri 9 Feb 7.30pm

Hall £37.50, £30.50

STORNOWAY

Wed 14 Feb 7.30pm

This indie-folk band have developed an extraordinary ability to connect deeply with their audiences - they create a powerful and uplifting force onstage, and it’s this force that has brought them back together, reinvigorated, and excited to play live again.

Theatre £24

CAMILLA GEORGE

Fri 1 Mar 7.15pm

Camilla is a visionary saxophonist, composer, bandleader, and innovator. Her strong cultural roots and love of fusing African and Western Music has informed her own unique style - a hypnotising blend of Afrofuturism, hip hop, and jazz, with a politically minded subtext that has a powerful connection to her Nigerian identity. This event is preceded by Warwick Arts Centre’s popular Jazz Fridays series - a free foyer gig and jam session, led by local musicians.

Studio £21, U26s £7.50

PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY BANGERS LIVE!

Fri 23 Feb 7.45pm

Join James B Partridge for an evening of pure nostalgia, stepping back in time for some joyous sing-along tunes to take you back to your Primary School days. Featuring assembly bangers, musical surprises, throwback mashups and comic reflections on growing up in the ‘90s. Studio £16

RUBY TURNER

Wed 6 Mar 7.30pm

Ruby’s major break came in the mid 1980’s, when she joined Culture Club at the height of their stardom. Four albums and a ‘Best of’ album were all released to critical acclaim making Ruby a household name. Her career has taken many directions, with major tours, theatre and TV appearances, and touring with Jools Holland.

Theatre £28

MICHAEL MCGOLDRICK, JOHN MCCUSKER AND JOHN DOYLE

Sun 10 Mar 7.45pm

With their vast repertoire, the trio promise an evening to remember. Described as the masters of flute, fiddle, song and guitar, McGoldrick, McCusker and Doyle have worked with the biggest and brightest and bring you a night of beautifully crafted music.

Studio £23

THE CORAL

The Making of the Debut Album

Sat 9 Mar 7.30pm

Best known for their work with Bob Dylan, Mark Knopfler and BBC Transatlantic Sessions as well as artists including Solas, Capercaillie and Kate Rusby, the multi-award winning trio share their vast repertoire in an intimate evening of conversation, audience questions and acoustic music with singer James Skelly and keyboardist Nick Power, celebrating the 21st anniversary of their eponymous debut album.

Theatre £28.50

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JOHN SMITH

2024 Tour

Sat 27 Apr 7.30pm

Steeped in the lineage of British folk and American guitar music, Smith has evolved and pioneered a transatlantic blend of guitar techniques. His deeply romantic and vivid songwriting, combined with his innovative guitar work, have won him a loyal following.

He returns to us this year, with a new album in tow.

Theatre £22

JAKE BUGG

Your Town Tour

Sun 28 Apr 8pm

Jake Bugg is coming to Coventry for one amazing night as part of the Your Town Tour.

He will be playing two sets: one acoustic and one full band. This will be a night not to be missed!

Hall £30.50

COMING SOON

SHOWSTOPPER - THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL

Thu 24 Oct 7.30pm

See page 13 for full details

Theatre £28

PAUL SIMON’S ‘GRACELAND’

Reimagined by London African Gospel Choir

Sat 27 Apr 8pm

Hot off the back of multiple UK sell-outs, the 23 strong LAGC present their uplifting rendition of Paul Simon’s iconic album, Graceland. A joyous and astounding musical reinterpretation featuring Diamonds on The Soles Of Her Shoes, You Can Call Me Al, and more.

Hall £36, £32, £23

KATE RUSBY

Singy Songy Sessions Tour

Sat 11 May 7pm

Forever proud to call herself a folk singer, Kate’s vocals never fail to connect the heart of a song to that of her audience. The crossover appeal Kate enjoys is unprecedented for a folk singer and has been achieved without resort to compromise.

Hall £32, U16s £23

RUMOURS OF FLEETWOOD MAC

2024 Tour

Wed 15 May 8pm

Channelling the spirit of Fleetwood Mac at their very best, and personally endorsed by Fleetwood Mac founding member Mick Fleetwood, Rumours of Fleetwood Mac offers a unique opportunity for fans, both old and new, to rediscover the songs and performances that have ensured the band’s place as one of the most loved groups of all time.

Hall £48, £41, £33

KENNY THOMAS

Him Tour 2024

Thu 16 May 7.30pm

British soul legend and multi-platinum singer-songwriter Kenny Thomas, and his all-star band, perform some of his greatest hits, including Thinking About Your Love, Best of You and Outstanding. Plus songs from Kenny’s ‘lost’ third album, Him.

Theatre £81.50\*, £35.50, £32 \*VIP Tickets available

JOOLS HOLLAND AND HIS RHYTHM & BLUES ORCHESTRA

Featuring GILSON LAVIS with SPECIAL GUESTS (TBC) AND guest vocalists RUBY TURNER, LOUISE MARSHALL & SUMUDU JAYATILAKA

Wed 22 May 7.30pm

Jools returns to Warwick Arts Centre with his legendary Rhythm and Blues Orchestra and some very special guests.

Hall £60.50, £50.50, £40.50, Restricted view £35.50

ALEXANDER O’NEAL

Time To Say Goodbye

Sun 19 May 8pm

After nearly five decades in the business, beloved soul star O’Neal is hitting the road one final time - performing songs from his legendary catalogue including Criticize, Fake and If You Were Here Tonight, accompanied by his exemplary nine-piece live band.

Hall £43

TUNDE, VOICE OF LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY

Thu 23 May 7:30pm

Performing Lighthouse Family favourites, such as Lifted, High and Ocean Drive, as well as previewing Tunde’s new collection of 1970’s songwriter era inspired recordings. Expect to hear songs from Bill Withers, Elton John, Van Morrison and more.

Theatre £32

BLACK VOICES: SONGS OF NINA SIMONE

Plus Emily Saunders

Sat 8 Jun 7.30pm

Europe’s finest all-female a cappella quintet, Black Voices, salute the genius of Nina Simone (who they once supported).

Plus “UK’s queen of jazz-fusion” Emily Saunders.

Theatre £20.50, £18.50, (£10) U26s £10

THE HORNE SECTION’S HIT SHOW

Tue 18 Jun 8pm

There’ll be comedy, songs, enthusiastic dancing, and a lot of mucking about. A brand-new show from the hugely talented band and Alex Horne, creator and co-host of the BAFTA and National Comedy Award winning Taskmaster.

Hall £28

COMING SOON

EDDI READER

Sun 29 Sep 7.30pm

Theatre £30

STEVE HARLEY

Come Up and See Me…and Other Stories

Sat 5 Oct 7.30pm

Theatre £72 meet and greet, £30 standard ticket

CARA DILLON

Coming Home

Thu 3 Oct 7.45pm

Theatre £26.50

ALED JONES

Full Circle

Sat 23 Nov 7.30pm

Theatre £72 meet and greet, £62 (VIP incl goody bag), £32 standard ticket

COMEDY

Please note: some comedians use very strong language and express controversial opinions. Please come prepared. All our comedy is for 16+ unless otherwise stated.

GRACE PETRIE

Butch Ado About Nothing

Wed 24 Jan 7.45pm

Folk singer, lesbian and checked-shirt-collector Grace Petrie has been incorrectly called Sir every day of her adult life, and, having finally run out of things to write whiny songs about, she’s putting down the guitar to try and work out why.

Studio £16 Age 14+

“Borderline miraculous” The Scotsman

FRANKIE BOYLE

Lap of Shame

Tue 6 Feb 7.30pm

Buy a ticket, because by the time he arrives, the currency will be worthless and you and your neighbour will be part of a struggling militia that could probably use a few laughs.

Hall £30.50

UROOJ ASHFAQ

Oh No!

Sat 27 Jan 7.45pm

Join one of India’s most exciting stand-up comedians, fresh from winning Best Newcomer 2023, at the Edinburgh Comedy Awards.

Studio £18 37

SAM CAMPBELL

Wobservations

Fri 2 Feb 7.45pm

Basically, we keep him in a metal crate. Once the house lights go down, we let him loose on to the stage. When he’s done/empty we shove him back in the crate and you can return to your home. How does all that sound?

Studio £19

VITTORIO ANGELONE

Who Do You Think You Are? I Am!

Sun 11 Feb 4.30pm & 7.45pm

Following his 5-star, sold-out, award-nominated debut (which solved literally every problem in the world) Vittorio Angelone’s new show looks inward to find out who exactly he thinks he is.

As seen on the internet, unless your algorithm hasn’t blessed you thusly.

Studio £18

AURIE STYLA

The Aurator Tour

Sat 3 Feb 7.45pm

Award-winning comedian Aurie Styla is back on tour. Join him as he talks about this wild world, and his journey to make sense of it!

Studio £16.50

JOSH PUGH

Existin’ La Vida Loca

Fri 16 Feb 7.30pm

Brand-new stand-up show from Edinburgh Award nominated viral sensation Josh Pugh, returning following a sell-out debut tour with a show about enjoying yourself and doing your best.

Theatre £19.50

JONATHAN PIE

Heroes and Villains

Sun 18 Feb 7.30pm

Join Jonathan as he celebrates the UK’s greatest heroes (Nurses / Gary Lineker / 24-hour off license proprietors) and takes a verbal blowtorch to its villains (The Tories / Cyclists).

Hall £30.50, £23

WAITING LIST ONLY

SARAH MILLICAN

Late Bloomer

Thu 29 Feb, Fri 1 – Sun 3 Mar 8pm

When Sarah Millican was a bairn, she wouldn’t say boo to a goose, not many friends, no boobs til she was 16. Now she is loud, with good friends, a cracking rack and goose booing all over the shop.

Come along and hear about how one became the other. Laugh at her, with her, beside her.

Hall £35

CHLOE PETTS

If You Can’t Say Anything Nice

Sat 24 Feb 7.30pm

Chloe returns. Everyone complimented her on how polite she was with big issues in the last show, so now she’s cashing in those points and plans on being really rude. Expect routines on Greta Thunberg, the footie and calling you all a bunch of virgins.

Studio £16.50

GUZ KHAN LIVE!

Sat 24 Feb 8pm

By popular demand, Coventry’s own Guz Khan adds more opportunities for you to see him on his kick ass comedy tour! This loveable, funny guy is known for bringing his big-screen persona and BAFTA-nominated hilarity to the stand-up stage.

Guz is the creator and star of BBC’s Man Like Mobeen, alongside his appearances on Taskmaster (C4), The Last Leg (C4) and Live at the Apollo (BBC) amongst many others.

Hall £29, £24 (restricted view)

LADIES OF LAUGHTER

Sun 3 Mar 7.45pm

These all-conquering comics are certain to leave you in stitches. Leave your worries at the door and join the us for a night you won’t forget, with acts including Sukh Ojla and Noreen Khan. Expect comedy to appeal to comedy lovers of all backgrounds – book now for a good ol’ gigglefest!

Studio £19

TOM HOUGHTON

It’s Not Ideal

Thu 14 Mar 7.45pm

After an incredible breakout year, Tom sets out with his biggest and most hilarious show yet.

In an age where tradition and progress are wrestling against each other, what are the parts of ourselves that need shedding, and what is worth holding on to?

Studio £17.50

RICHARD HERRING’S LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE PODCAST

Thu 14 Mar 7.30pm

Richard Herring is taking his critically acclaimed podcast on the road!

RHLSTP sees him interview top comedians in front of a live audience for his podcast but includes all the chat that is too controversial for broadcast! Previous guests include Stephen Fry, Michael Palin, Katherine Ryan and many more…

See website for special guest announcement.

Theatre £23 Age 14+

ANIA MAGLIANO

I Can’t Believe You’ve Done This

Fri 15 Mar 7.45pm

This is a show about the worst haircut of Ania Magliano’s life. I Can’t Believe You’ve Done This was ranked #1 in Time Out’s Best comedy shows at Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2023 list.

Studio £15 Age 14+

GEOFF NORCOTT

Basic Bloke

Fri 15 Mar 7.30pm

A kindly and funny stock-take of both himself and his fellow man, Basic Bloke unlocks some of the more complicated behaviour of your husbands, dads and brothers.

‘He’s a class act with a mature, sharp take on modern politics.’ Sunday Times

Theatre £19.5040

THE BUGLE LIVE

Hosted by Andy Zaltzman

Sat 16 Mar 7.30pm

The Bugle, one of the known universe’s longest-running and most successful podcasts, is back on the road.

Featuring Andy, chair of Radio 4’s The News Quiz (and Test Match Special statistician), live co-hosts and guests on a big screen delivering freshly hewn topical satire, as well as probable and certifiable lies and other assorted high-grade nonsense.

16 Years Podcasting • 600+ Episodes • 200m+ Global Downloads. Content dependent on state of world at time of show.

May also feature puns.

Theatre £20

RAY BRADSHAW

Doppelginger

Wed 3 Apr 7.45pm

Doppelginger is a heartwarming comedy show about a search for a man with an orange beard who’s follicly challenged. If you have a bald, ginger bearded friend in their 30s (true at time of writing), then bring them along. You never know – they could be The One.

Studio £17.50 Ages 14+

DANIEL O’REILLY

Out Of Character

Fri 26 Apr 8pm

From losing it all, to battling addiction and becoming a father, Daniel’s been on some rollercoaster and wants you to come for a ride with him, so buckle up!

Theatre £27

JARLATH REGAN

Yer Man

Fri 3 May 7.45pm

Ireland’s favourite Irishman Abroad is back with his epic new stand-up show, after his successful appearances on Tonight At The Palladium (ITV), Russell Howard’s Good News (BBC) and Gogglebox (Channel 4).

Studio £23.50Ages 14+

TOM ALLEN

Completely

Thu 2 May 8pm

Toms’ finally moved out of his parents’ house, which has been great news for him, and even better news for his stand-up show, as he’s eager to share his life updates, get your opinions on his vegetable patch and delve into the protocol of inviting friends with children for dinner.

Hall £28 Ages 14+

THE MUSLIMS ARE COMING

Sun 12 May 6pm

The Muslims Are Coming … so round up your friends and join us for an uplifting night of laughter! Featuring Tez Ilyas (Mock the Week BBC, Comedy Central) Faizan Shah (Comedy Store Gong Winner, BBC New Comedy) Nabil Abdulrashid (BBC Live At The Apollo, ITV Stand Up Sketch Show) and moreto be announced!

If you’ve never been to one of these nights before then get ready for belly laughs that are big enough to burn off an entire Biryani.

Studio £19

FRANK SKINNER

30 Years of Dirt

Sun 12 May 8pm

Following a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe and 7-nights at the Lyric Theatre in London’s West End, comic legend Frank Skinner is back with his critically acclaimed new show ‘30 Years of Dirt’.

Hall £31, £26

COUNT ARTHUR STRONG…

And It’s Goodnight From Him

Sat 11 May 8pm

Part one of Count Arthur Strong’s farewell tour. (Of the World. Potentially. Certainly Jersey).

Having consulted with Harley Street specialists and the St Anne’s Jombulance, Count Arthur Strong has decided to gradually phase in his farewell tour over a yet to be specified number of parts.

Join Arthur for this never to be forgotten start to his farewell tour.

Theatre £25.50

PAUL FOOT

Dissolve

Thu 16 May 7.45pm

Life is a stress: full of rushed breakfasts, angry people, internal conflict, and Jacob Rees-Mogg. But what happens when everything you thought was important – your problems, grievances against others, your very identity – simply disappears?

Studio £17

HAYLEY ELLIS

Hayley’s Comic

Sat 18 May 7.45pm

After the sell-out success of her The Invisible Mam show in 2022, and four sell out dates at The Frog and Bucket, Hayley Ellis is back with a brand-new show for Hayley’s Comic.

Studio £15.50

SUKH OJLA

Hot Aunty Summer

Sat 18 May 7:30pm

Join Sukh as she approaches 40 and figures out middle age, pretending to be a grown up and the joy of a Tupperware set.

Theatre £22

ED GAMBLE

Hot Diggity Dog

Sun 26 May 7.30pm

Ed Gamble has minced a load of meat (thoughts), piped it into a casing (show) and it’s coming to a bun (venue) near you.

There will be all your classic Gamble ranting, raving and spluttering but he’s doing fine mentally. Promise.

Hall £28

JOHN KEARNS

EXTRA DATE ADDED

The Varnishing Days

Sun 19 May 7.30pm

The heart-stopping, glasses-dropping, hard-rocking, wig-shaking, levothyroxine-taking, knee-knocking, bootlicking, justifying, teeth rattling, digressing new show from stand-up comedian to the stars, John Kearns.

Theatre £20.50 Age 14+

THE HORNE SECTION’S HIT SHOW

Tue 18 Jun 8pm

Unruly, ridiculous, and surprisingly satisfying, the six-headed comedy band includes five outstanding musicians and one non-musical stand-up. There’ll be comedy, songs, enthusiastic dancing, and a lot of mucking about. A brand-new show from the hugely talented band and Alex Horne, creator and co-host of the BAFTA and National Comedy Award winning Taskmaster.

Hall £28

RIA LINA

Riawakening

Wed 29 May 7.30pm

Comedian and scientist, Ria Lina has had a Riawakening and sees the world differently. Fearless, provocative, and very funny, she is the only Filipina comedian in British stand-up and a hugely admired talent in the comedy industry.

Studio £18

This show is captioned

NOW ON SALE

TEZ ILYAS

After Eight

Sat 19 Oct 7.45pm

Studio £26 (£21)

JOHN BISHOP

Back At It

Thu 31 Oct 8pm

Hall £45.50, £35.50, £28

BEN ELTON

Authentic Stupidity

Thu 3 Oct 8pm

Hall £35.50

JIMMY CARR

Laughs Funny

Sat 9 Nov 7pm & 9.30pm

Hall £38

AL MURRAY

Guv Island

Sat 5 Oct 7.30pm

Hall £33

CHRIS MCCAUSLAND

Yonks!

Sat 12 Oct 8pm

Hall £26.50

KIRI PRITCHARD -MCLEAN

Peacock

Sat 16 Nov 7.30pm

Theatre £20.50, £19.50 (£19.00)

RHOD GILBERT AND THE GIANT GRAPEFRUIT

Thu 17 & Fri 18 Oct 8pm

Hall £38

GRACE CAMPBELL

Is On Heat

Thu 21 Nov 7.30pm

Theatre £21

Make your evening even more special with a visit to Benugo Bar and Kitchen. Our regular special offers include:

• Pizza Mondays - All pizzas £10 every Monday

• Wings Wednesdays – 30% off wings and 241 cocktails

• Selected cocktails 241: Mojito, Pina Colada, Don Pedro

• Tie-in cocktails with cinema movies

Open each day from 9am – 8.30pm

Not available in conjunction with any other offers. Open 10.30am - 8.30pm Sundays.

\*Last food orders 7.30pm. Benugo Bar and Kitchen operates alongside Warwick Arts Centre’s programme, and therefore on occasion timings may change.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

With a small gift of £3 you can help provide art materials for our free Workshop Wednesdays programme You can give by using our contactless donation boxes in the foyer or when booking online.

GET CREATIVE

Our creative learning programme aims to bring together people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds through creativity and to build a sense of belonging in our spaces. We place audiences and artists at the centre of our work, encouraging curiosity, exploring ideas and celebrating community engagement.

To book or find out more about any of the activities please visit warwickartscentre.co.uk or email creativelearning@warwick.ac.uk.

MINI CREATIVES

Tue 9 Jan – Tue 26 Mar & Tue 23 Apr – Tue 25 Jun 10.30am – 12.30pm

Gallery Foyer FREE Weekly Drop-in

Ages 0 - 4 years

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS

Wed 10 Jan – Wed 13 Mar, Wed 24 Apr – Wed 26 Jun 1.30pm – 4pm

Gallery Foyer FREE Weekly Drop-In All ages

FAMILY SUNDAYS

Sun 14 Jan – Sun 10 Mar, Sun 5 May – Sun 23 Jun 1.30pm – 4pm

Gallery Foyer FREE Weekly Drop-in All ages

See page 4 for more information.

ELDERS’ DANCE: OUT OF WHACK

Tue 9 Jan – Tue 26 Mar & Tue 23 Apr – Tue 25 Jun 6pm – 7.30pm

Our Elders Dance Company is for people aged 60+ who share a love of contemporary dance and performing!

Classes are creatively ambitious, leading to the creation of new dance pieces for public performance that speak about collective identity.

With performances at Warwick Arts Centre already planned, the goal for this year is to perform at Elders’ Dance festivals nationally.

Helen Martin Studio 10-week course £75 Ages 60+

SHORT COURSES

Learn a new skill and get creative with our new courses that explore themes and processes linked to our gallery exhibitions.

ECO-FRIENDLY FILM PROCESSING

with Adele Mary Reed

Tue 6, 13 & 20 Feb 6pm – 8.30pm

Want to learn eco-friendly techniques to hand-develop your film? Then this course is for you. Perfect for film novices and those wanting to try new techniques, this course will teach you how to use non-toxic household materials, such as mint tea, red wine and coffee to develop black and white negatives. Adele will reintroduce you to some photography basics and guide you through shooting and developing your own reel of negatives, before you select a favourite to be scanned and sent out to you as a final print.

CLAY

with Emily Hett

Tues 12, 19 & 26 March 6pm – 8.30pm

Explore the wonderful process of ceramics. You will be introduced to hand-building techniques such as coil and slab building to create your own sculptural or functional object. You will learn how to create pattern and texture using a range of techniques and bring each piece to life through different slip and glaze application.

Great for beginners or those who want to extend their learning.

HANDMADE HOMEWARE

with Maisie Violet-Rees

Tue 16, 23 & 30 April 6pm – 8.30pm

Create your own unique home décor with interior stylist Maisie Rees. You will be upcycling second hand finds using various techniques such as decoupage, gold leaf gilding and collage transfers. Experiment with a variety of ways to give a new lease of life to ‘one person’s trash’ and turn it into your treasure! At the end of the three sessions, you will be able to take home your eclectic and bespoke homewares.

BATIK HANGINGS

with Carrie Backhouse

Tue 14, 21 & 28 May 6pm – 8.30pm

Join us for this vibrant and playful introduction to contemporary batik. Carrie Backhouse will guide you through the intricate process of applying wax onto fabric. You’ll have the opportunity to experiment with various colours and dyeing to bring your designs to life. At the end of the three sessions, you will be able to take home your own batik wall hanging.

Details and prices for all short courses.

Creative Learning Space. £75 for three sessions, including all materials, tea and coffee and biscuits. Ages 18+

CARING CREATIVE COLLABORATIVE

Warwick Arts Centre is committed to funding regular, free and targeted engagement for the communities that we serve. From artist-led workshops to free tickets, our community projects work in partnership with the schools, organisations and people within our target wards in Coventry with an aim to bring creativity to all.

These are our community projects for 2024.

To find out more about any of our activities please email creativelearning@warwick.ac.uk.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP COLLECTIVE

This programme provides space for young people aged 15 – 25yrs to meet in an open and creative environment, working on shaping their leadership skills and using social activism to call for change. With Coventry’s Poet Laureate, John Bernard, as their Creative Mentor, the Collective will learn the skills to advocate for the creative future of their generation. In partnership with YMCA Heart of England and Positive Youth Foundation.

Look out for pop up events programmed by the group throughout the year and get excited for a YLC showcase in Warwick Arts Centre in 2024!

THE CLASSROOM OF CREATIVITY

This project brings artists, teachers, pupils and educators together to design creative activities and digital resources.

This year we are working with artists, Ascension Dance and Polly Brant, and teachers and pupils from Templars School, Southfields School and Holbrook School. The teachers and artists have produced an exciting resource which you can download for free on our Classroom of Creativity webpage, which offers accessible ways into our exhibition ‘Phantom Sculpture,’ which can be used as part of a visit or in the classroom.

In the summer our schools will be making work which will be exhibited in the Mead Gallery alongside world-renowned artists.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

This programme aims to bring people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds together through creativity. We do this with regular ticket offers and a range of artist-led workshops, experiences, and opportunities. Everything is designed to open up Warwick Arts Centre into a communal space that truly represents our local communities.

This year we are working with Foleshill Community Centre, Canley Community Centre, Foleshill Creates, Inini Initiative, Kairos and many more! Check out the community section of our website for more on ticket offers and collaborative community projects.

SCHOOLS & EDUCATORS

We encourage children, young people and their educators from Coventry and beyond, to encounter the arts and campus life with a visit to Warwick Arts Centre.

See a show, visit our gallery or enjoy our sculpture trail. Ask us about workshops with professional theatre and dance companies. Take advantage of a self-led visit supported by artist designed resources or download them to use in the classroom.

To talk to our expert team and make arrangements please get in touch at creativelearning@warwick.ac.uk.

INSTRUMENTAL FOR SCHOOLS

Every year we fund free tickets for our classical concerts for secondary school pupils in Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull who are studying music, learning an instrument, or just have a passion for classical music.

For more information email groupbookings@warwick.ac.uk.

MONUMENTAL VISIONS

A Community Connections project

In partnership with Inini Initiative and artist, Rumbi Savanhu, this project aims to empower migrants and refuges to explore Afrofuturism through creative expression, and be inspired by artists featured in our Phantom Sculpture exhibition.

The group will share the work created in a captivating display in our Theatre Bar in Feb 2024, showcasing the power of art to shape new narratives and inspire positive change. See our website for more details.

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YOUR VISIT

Getting Here

By train:

The nearest mainline station is Coventry. From Coventry station, you can catch a12X bus which takes about 15 minutes, or instead get a taxi. To plan your trip by train, visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

By car:

You can reach Warwick Arts Centre via the A45, A46, M40 and M42. When approaching Coventry, follow ‘Warwick Arts Centre’ or the ‘University of Warwick’ signs.

Car parking:

We have car parks on central campus, close to Warwick Arts Centre. For details of locations and current charges visit our website warwickartscentre.co.uk/visit–us/ getting–here/

Parking charges apply during the day, after 5pm and at weekends. We also have card machines to pay for parking in our foyer areas.

If you supply your email address when booking, we will send you a pre–arrival email with useful information about your visit.

By bus:

We’re connected to Coventry, Leamington Spa and Kenilworth with regular bus services. Warwick Arts Centre is around 100 metres behind the bus stop interchange. Bus numbers 12X, 11, 11U and 14 are the main buses serving the campus.

Plan your journey with Network WestMidlands’ Journey Planner: journeyplanner. networkwestmidlands.com

For information on buses traveling to the University of Warwick campus, visit: nxbus.co.uk/coventry

West Midlands Bus on Demand: This is a service that meets you wherever you are – a cross between a taxi and a bus.

You can book a ride via an app and be matched with other passengers heading in the same direction. It operates around the University of Warwick, including Kenilworth, Warwick Parkway, University Hospital Coventry, Leamington Spa & Wellesbourne campus.

More info: warwick.ac.uk/services/estates/ transport/buses

National Express: National Express: National Express is kindly offering a discounted travel offer for Warwick Arts Centre visitors. The offer is for 25% off a Day Saver and is redeemed by following this link www.nxbus. co.uk/discoveroffer or use the code below

Discount code: NXCOP25

Tickets

Discounted tickets, where offered, are shown in brackets and are available to over 60s in full time retirement, recipients of JSA and full time students.

For full terms and conditions of sale and privacy notice please visit warwickartscentre.co.uk/terms–and–conditions

Access

Advance booking is encouraged. Call us or email in advance so we can readily provide assistance, disabled customers may also bring a companion FREE of charge.

We are able to loan ear defenders, wheelchairs, and fidget toys to visitors on request. Contact Box Office.

Warwick Arts Centre is pleased to have a Changing Places facility located on the ground floor of our building. Please head to our website (warwickartscentre.co.uk/ accessible–building/) for further details or ask for information from our Box Office.

There are 9 spaces for Blue Badge Holders on Health Centre Road between 6am and 6pm. The short stay (20 minute) spaces on Health Centre Road change to Blue Badge after 6pm taking the total to 24. There are 9 blue badge spaces behind Senate House between 6am and 6pm, increasing to 15 after 6pm. Register tour Blue Badge with apcoa.co.uk or with the Box Office.

Wheelchair access at ground level to Butterworth Hall, Studio, Mead Gallery, Woods–Scawen Room, Box Office and Helen Martin Studio.

Lifts – there are two lifts in the building to provide access to the Cinema, Butterworth Hall balconies, Theatre and Theatre bar.

Assistance dogs are welcomed and can be cared for during performances by prior arrangement.

Receivers for our Sennheiser infra–red facility are freely available from the Box Office.

Accessible toilet facilities are available throughout the building on all levels.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

for Relaxed and British Sign Language Interpreted event listings

BSL

Captioned

Relaxed performance

Audio Described

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